

Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development Council

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Jessie Parker Building
510 E. 12th Street, Starkweather Room
Des Moines, IA

June 22, 2016

Present:

Jim Hennessey, Child Advocacy Board
Kristi Judkins, Iowa Workforce Development
Gary Niles, 3rd Judicial District Juvenile Court Services (by phone)
Julie Hibben, Iowa Department of Public Health, for Kathy Stone
Steve Michael, Department of Human Rights, for San Wong

Results Team:

Kile Beisner, CJJP
Dave Kuker, CJJP
Kathy Nesteby, CJJP
Betsy Penisten, SIYAC Coordinator

Others Present:

Ethan Lowder, SIYAC Vice Chair-elect
Laura Book, Legislative Services Agency

I. Introductions and Announcements

Steve Michael welcomed all in attendance at 2:14 p.m. A quorum was not present.

II. Approval of the Minutes from December 9, 2015 ICYD meeting

The minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

III. Juvenile Justice Reform and Reinvestment Initiative (JJRRI)

Kathy Nesteby reviewed the progress of the three-year grant which ends in September. The purpose of the project is to evaluate juvenile justice services in reducing recidivism. A pilot has been underway in the 1st, 3rd, 6th Judicial Districts and evaluations have been conducted on community-based services and three residential facilities. These services are now being rescored to determine if recommended improvements were made.

The project has now expanded into the 4th and 5th Judicial Districts. A dispositional matrix is being developed which will be used for programming based on offense and risk level.

Nesteby recently attended a conference in Washington, DC, where comprehensive planning was emphasized. Several projects within CJJP fit this model.

IV. State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC) Update

Ethan Lowder, SIYAC Vice Chair, reported on proposed legislation for the next session:

- Conversion therapy ban—this bill will be pursued through the Board of Medicine or Board of Psychology.
- Radon—TJ Foley, SIYAC Chair, is meeting on this today.

- Tanning—will continue pursuing next session.
- Other considerations include a youth forum with legislators and a bi-monthly newsletter.
- Officers were elected for the next year beginning July 1—Andrew Dunn, Chair; Ethan Lowder, Vice Chair; and David Ehmcke, Secretary.

Betsy Penisten reported that there were 11 open positions and 36 applications were received from a diverse group of students from across the state.

Michael acknowledged Penisten for her three years of service as SIYAC Coordinator as an AmeriCorps member. She will remain the coordinator through mid-September. SIYAC has grown through her leadership.

Michael also discussed expanding the membership of ICYD to include the SIYAC Chair. This subject will be discussed at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

V. Review of Enacted Legislation on Youth Issues – by agency

- Each member will discuss relevant legislation

Michael reported on SF2288 regarding the confidentiality of juvenile records. The bill was sponsored by the Office of the State Public Defender and supported by both parties. The governor signed the bill into legislation and all juvenile arrests and court records will remain confidential unless the offense is a forcible felony. Michael noted the negative effects for youth when this information is public—housing, education, employment, military service, etc.

Jim Hennessy provided information on a newly formed task force on drug-endangered children and intervention in those circumstances.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)—legislation should be finalized this month.

VI. Performance Partnership Pilot (P3)

- Results Team Recommendations

Beisner discussed submission of the unsuccessful P3 grant application. The grant would have allowed the state to request a waiver to blend federal funds to serve disconnected youth, freeing funding between agencies that was otherwise restricted.

The Results Team met to discuss whether to reapply. Minutes from that meeting were included in the meeting packet. Ultimately, the group decided against reapplication. However, the matter will be reconsidered during the next solicitation. In the meantime, no-cost activities will be identified and implemented within existing activities. Further, the juvenile reentry project will provide an opportunity to reach some of the disconnected youth identified in the P3 proposal.

VII. Juvenile Reentry Implementation Project

Dave Kuker reviewed a handout of key juvenile reentry activities completed as of June 20th. The grant-funded reentry project provides transition services for youth exiting the State Training School,



group care, and Psychiatric Medical Institutes for Children (PMICs) and will be piloted in the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Judicial Districts. Work surrounds a variety of areas related to case planning and assessment, education, workforce skills, voc rehab, and Title XIX. Other services include Multi-dimensional Family Therapy and Youth Transition Decision Making. Many agencies are involved: the State Training School, Juvenile Court Services, Youth and Shelter Services, Area Education Agencies, Workforce Development, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, DHS, and the Department of Education. Policies are being developed and risk assessment tools will be utilized.

Kuker was pleased with the amount of work conducted by members. Gary Niles concurred and thought it will produce good data for decision making and help youth return to their home communities with a plan in place.

VIII. Student Achievement Gap

- Potential for ICYD to be a Charter

In the absence of John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas, this item was tabled to the next meeting.

IX. Other Business

- Forum for Youth Investment's Collective Impact Policy Summit – July 27-28, 2016

Michael reported that he has been invited to attend a Collective Impact Policy Summit to align policies for children and youth. The summit is sponsored by the Forum for Youth Investment. He referenced handouts included in the meeting packet. He noted that collective impact is a way to demonstrate the effectiveness of collaboration. The juvenile reentry project, which requires efforts from many entities for youth to be successful, is an example.

X. Adjourn – Next meeting – Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 2:00 – 4:00pm.

There was no other business. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Iowa Department of Human Rights

